

General Meeting: Friday, April 1, 7:00 PM Basement Loussac Library 5th and F Streets

Special Meeting: Friday, April 22, 7:00 PM 924 Muldoon Rd. (Next to Pizza Hut)
Peking Restaurant

Transmitter Hunt: Sunday, 17 April, 1:00 PM check in 34/94 - - Hunt on 52 simplex
Start from anywhere in town, but you must check in with NCS

The big news this month is the giant donation of used Collins and Drake equipment to the club, said to be in excess of 300 items. This donation was made to the group by Lirpa 1 communications, who we cannot thank enough. The board has decided to give the gear to the members free of charge, except for the usual signed statement that it will not be resold or returned to commercial service (it had been in use by an oil exploration company for HF backup equipment). We understand that most of the equipment is in working order but some minor repairs may be required. You don't want to miss out on this deal, be sure and attend the meeting!! WARNING the gear was retuned for commercial frequencies - be sure to check tuning before using on the ham bands, or you could get a pink ticket!

The walk for hope will be coming up soon, and the director of Hope Cottage has asked the club for communications support. This is a tremendous chance to get Amateur radio before a few hundred citizens, most of who have been exposed to the CB blitz, but who are not very familiar with what we do and the advantages we have. Stations will be needed to help at checkpoints, to assist in transport busses, and the like. You do not have to drive a bus (takes tired out walkers to the finish line) but think of the effect of having your passengers listen to the well disciplined, static and interference free, (and Autopatch) operation that will be going on. Ham radio sells itself if given the slightest chance! Ruthe Burg and Wilse Morgan are the people to contact if you are interested in assisting. It is a giant happening, and must be seen to be believed. Wilse has been sponsored by the club, and will be looking for additional sponsors. One good way to dangle the carrot is to sponsor your man for 1¢ per mile for the first several miles and then offer 20 bucks, or whatever you can, for the last mile. Gets your moneys worth.

Dwight Meyers, our esteemed treasurer, will be leaving town for a few months of temporary duty. Bill Odom, one of our recent Novice Class graduates, who is also a public accountant by trade, will be filling the position in Dwight's absence.

Don't forget the Flea Market, 30 April- 1 May

The new club roster is being printed and should be in the mail to all members by the first week in April, barring unforeseen complications. Treasure Hunt 4868

The Minchumina to Anchorage link on 22/82 is being assembled and tested. We should have it in operation by the middle of April or the first of May. It will operate just like a normal 22/82 repeater as far as we here in Anchorage are concerned, but the link will be running to Minchumina and Fairbanks at the same time. Please do not use this machine for casual talk across town, as the fellows in Fairbanks will be listening too. No point in bothering them if a local channel is available. Otherwise, have at and good luck with the new facility to Fairbanks.

We are still looking for a trailer or other conveyance to install the club equipment and accessories for Field Day operation and similar functions. If you have a line on a suitable unit, give a call to Dave Vogel, KL7ITG.

There has been considerable interest shown in convening a Saturday Morning breakfast at some regular time and place. This would provide a place to go and recruit help for antenna parties, socializing, reporting on DX or whatever. This seems like a good idea long overdue. More details at the general meeting.

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